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Pursuant to Resolution 1540 (2004)  
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Communication to the Chairman of the 1540 Committee

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Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you on behalf of the Zangger Committee.

At its meeting on 19 October 2004, the Zangger Committee welcomed the unanimous adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1540.

The Zangger Committee fully supports the decision taken unanimously by the Security Council in the resolution that all States shall take and enforce effective measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons, including by establishing appropriate controls over related material.

The Zangger Committee was established in 1971 in order to interpret the NPT export control provisions by drafting policy guidelines for the supply of nuclear material and



equipment or material especially designed or prepared for the processing, use or production of special fissionable material. These guidelines, known as the Zangger Committee Understandings, are published by the IAEA as document INFCIRC/209/Rev.2.

Information on the Zangger Committee's activities was provided to previous NPT Review Conferences, the latest one to the 2000 Conference as document NPT/CONF.2000/17. The Zangger Committee will update this document for the upcoming 2005 NPT Review Conference.

The Zangger Committee has launched an outreach programme for NPT Parties with the aim of explaining its work and thereby fostering the application of NPT standards and procedures for export controls. These activities should lead to the establishment, maintenance or harmonisation of adequate national export control systems in all NPT States.

Further information on the Zangger Committee is available on the Committee's website: [www.zanggercommittee.org](http://www.zanggercommittee.org).

Members<sup>1</sup> of the Zangger Committee stand ready to respond positively to the resolution and to provide any assistance required within the mandate of the Committee. As Chairman of the Committee I am at your disposal for any further questions or proposals concerning our work.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Fritz W. Schmidt  
Chairman of the Zangger Committee

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